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James Brady, P.O. Box 580, Far Hills, New Jersey 07931, has requested a Corps of Engineers permit under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to reconstruct twelve timber groins. The project is located in Lewis Bay at the property located off White Cedar Road, West Yarmouth, Massachusetts. The land is owned by Great Island Realty Trust, 110 Great Island Road, West Yarmouth, Massachusetts 02673. In 1975, the Corps of Engineers issued a permit to maintain the existing stone and wood groins. That permit has since expired and a new Corps permit is required due to the groins non-serviceable condition.

It is proposed to reconstruct Groins 77 through 91, excluding 80 through 82, along approximately 1800 linear feet of shoreline in Lewis Bay. The groins have worn out over the years due to their timber composition. The groins were placed to provide the typical effect of inhibiting the long shore drift of the sediment, primarily to inhibit the flow of beach sediment into a regularly used navigation channel located to the west. The project does not currently propose to rebuild the deteriorating stone groins, but we are currently evaluating rebuilding these either in lieu of, or in conjunction with, the wood groins. The proponent will also evaluate alternatives such as limiting the number and decreasing the length of any reconstructed groins.

Currently, the project does not propose to fill the reconstructed groins to entrapment. Due to the presence of salt marsh within some of the groin cells, the proponent needs to evaluate the placement of nourishment and the compatibility of the nourishment material to ensure potential impacts to resources are minimized. Filling the groins to entrapment may be a requirement of any issued Corps permit. Maintenance dredging to obtain sand may be authorized.

To minimize potential impacts on adjacent resource areas associated with dredge material disposal, the proponents will explore the option of dune enhancement if the dredge material is found to be finer than the native beach material. The planting of dune vegetation as well as establishing appropriate slopes should enhance the stability of the dredge material.

This project is located on the USGS Hyannis, Massachusetts quadrangle sheet at UTM coordinates 4609500 N and 395500 E. The work is shown on the enclosed locus map and four sheets of plans entitled "APPLICANT: JAMES BRADY, P.O. BOX 580, FAR HILLS, NJ 07931."

In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Greg Penta at (978) 318-8862, (800) 343-4789 or (800) 362-4367, if calling from within Massachusetts.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

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DETAILS OF EVALUATION
FACTORS

Karen Kirk Adams
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The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity in the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended.

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places, and no further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary. This determination is based upon one or more of the following:

- a. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work.
- b. The permit area has been recently created.
- c. The proposed activity is of limited nature and scope.
- d. Review of the latest published version of the National Register shows that no presence of registered properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are in the permit area or general vicinity.

Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, the District Engineer is hereby requesting that the appropriate Federal Agency provide comments regarding the presence of and potential impacts to listed species or its critical habitat.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- ☒ (X) Permit, License or Assent from State.
- ☒ (X) Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- ☐ () Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

The States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have approved Coastal Zone Management Programs. Where applicable the applicant states that any proposed activity will comply with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management Program. By this Public Notice, we are requesting the State concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement.

All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.

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